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I found myself wondering why if he ever expected to be able to return he would be so complete a bastard in his behavior.

But I did not dream that he would steal, especially when for his specified purposes there was absolutely no need. I did lend him a duplicate John had made for me of the first of those 1466 pages all of which I'd promised him. He had asked me if I thought I could complete this in a couple of months and I had told him I expect to.

Yet when he knows I'm engaged in a publication deal that has already had some strange problems, why should he so carelessly take apart the CIA's file on its clandestine interpretation of the Zapruder film that, from the existing records, it did not have?

When he was to get it whether or not I publish, what rational explanation suggests itself to you?

If as I say I think his problems are in the head, I can't reasonably tell myself that nothing else is possible.

But what kind of lawyer is he if he does what can lead to professional disgrace if not worse?

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I'll mention this briefly when we speak by phone. If you have anything to suggest, let it wait until we are together.

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He has had many opportunities as a lawyer to be of help but has always declined to do so, usually on basis of hazard to his position. He will not attempt to obtain docs he wants thru regular channels but feels he has a right to come here & take anything at all which he wants from the files.

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